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TO: Minerals File

FROM: Doug Jensen, Senior Reclamation Engineer 

SUBJECT: Site Inspection, GoldStrike Mine, M/053/005, Washington County, Utah

Date of Inspection: September 4, 2003
Time of Inspection: 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Conditions: Sunny
Participants: Doug Jensen, DOGM

Purpose of Inspection:

Checking site conditions while in the vicinity.

Getting to the site:

Site is located southwest of Ivins along the Matoqua road.

Observations:

The site shows evidence that quite a few cows have remained on the site for most of the summer. Much of the grasses around the solution application area are almost non-existent, due to heavy grazing. The stream in Beaver Dam Wash, just below the site, dried up early this year; therefore the water at the application area remains the only water for quite some distance around the area resulting in overgrazing of this area.

There is cattle sign over the entire site indicating that there have been quite a few cows wandering around the site this year. Considering the fact that cattle grazing and lack of moisture have almost continuously impacted this site since reclamation was completed, the vegetation looks fairly good.

Conditions at the site indicate that there has been very little moisture at the site again this year. Even though the grasses at the site have turned brown due to lack of rain, where they have not been heavily grazed, coverage is good. The fourwing salt brush is doing very well within most of the reclaimed areas.

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Overall the site appears to be stable and if the area gets some moisture this fall and winter, vegetation should recover very well.
Pictures of the site were taken during the inspection.

Conclusions and Recommendations:

The Division spent money this year to repair holes in the fence that surround the site. From the number of cattle that have been continued to impact the mine site since that time, the repairs have not succeeded in keeping the cows off the site. We continue to work with the BLM to require the owners of the cows to keep them off the site.
The Division will continue to monitor and maintain the site until total release.

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